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The Last Day.

Water consumers are warned that this is the last day for the payment of the water rates without delinquent penalty and they will do well to remember it.

Good Plays; Bad Weather.

It would seem just a bit fateful that the best string of plays that could have been devised for this particular season at Astoria fall in the very heart of the most miserable weather known here this year. It is unfortunate as well as aggravating.

Down After Patient.

Mrs. W. J. Irwin and T. Vesch, lady attendants at the Oregon Asylum for the Insane, at Salem, arrived in the city on the noon train yesterday and were registered at the Occident. They came after Miss Jennie Crowner, the woman examined and declared insane by the County Court and Commission in Lunacy which sat on the case on Thursday last, and went back to the Capital City on the 6:10 train last evening with their charge.

Badly Hurt.

About 8 o'clock last evening while sledding down the Eleventh street hill with a party of young friends, a lad by the name of Al. Stuart, 16 years of age, had the misfortune to crash into a telephone pole at the Irving Hotel, striking his head so violently as to render him unconscious. He was taken, at once, to his home and will be most carefully attended. The particulars of the accident were not obtainable last night, beyond the mere fact that the boy was apparently very badly injured, a conclusion it is hoped, may be qualified later.

May Go To St. John's.

The good people of the First Baptist church of St. John's have signified their desire to have Rev. Conrad Owen, pastor of the First church of this city, serve them as pastor and leader and that he begin that service not later than July 1st, of the present year; he will give the matter due consideration and file his answer after he shall have closed the three weeks' protracted meeting about to be inaugurated at that place this evening, and for which he departs on this morning's train.

The Milk Thief.

Day by day the story of the "milk thief" is reiterated in this city and there are those who intend to put some agency at work to check the paltry crime. It is time; for such contemptible work is not only disgusting, but an outrage on good housekeeping, an insult and a grievance to the very babies who depend upon the glass bottle that is supposed to circulate with commendable regularity, and a discredit to the firms and people dispensing the commodity. The first one caught will be made a miserable example of, if the temper of some of the patrons holds out.

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FOUR MEMBERS OF WATER COMMISSION DECLARE THEIR ELECTION VALID.

After the vexed legal question that confronted them had been discussed in all phases yesterday afternoon, the several new members of the water commission who were not within the provisions of the charter nevertheless took their seats. This included Messrs. Gimre, Jensen, Kankkonen and possibly Brix. By a vote taken by the new commission it was decided to put the question to the city attorney, Mr. Abercrombie, for the purpose of having him "secure a decision" from Judge McBride of the circuit court. Meantime, though the charter provision appears to plainly preclude the possibility of at least several of the gentlemen from holding their seats, they have nevertheless taken their seats and commenced to act as if nothing prevented them. That was the most important action of the new commission yesterday afternoon.

No action looking to the appointment of a clerk to take Mr. Lounsbury's place was taken.

Mr. Fisher was selected as permanent chairman, after acting as temporary chairman during the afternoon's session, succeeding Mr. Wright, who has been chairman of the commission for many years.

Mr. Patton, of the Astoria Savings Bank, was again selected as treasurer, and his bond was set as heretofore, at \$20,000. The new commission then adjourned to meet next Thursday night. The second Friday night of each month was designated as the regular meeting night.

At 1:30 o'clock the old commission met for the purpose of auditing such accounts as had not been acted upon before, and in general to "clean up" everything in readiness for the new members. All of the old members were present, except Judge Trenchard, as follows: Messrs. Wright, Bowlby, Elmore, Fisher, Van Dusen, Brix. All matters were carefully looked into, and the quarterly and annual statement of Mr. Lounsbury, the clerk, examined with care. Finally it appeared as if their stewardship had been excellently done, and the members prepared to turn it over to the succeeding board. It was voted to lay all applications for clerk and inspector on the table, with the courteous object in view of permitting the new board to select these officials.

Commissioner Fisher then moved that a committee of three be appointed on credentials. This was carried, and Chairman Wright appointed Messrs. Bowlby, Elmore and Van Dusen.

After investigating the matter they found that five members of the newly elected commission had taken their oaths of office, and had further taken oath that they had paid in to the city within the past year the sum of at least \$25 in taxes to the city.

The other four new commissioners—Kankkonen, Jensen, Gimre and Brix—refused to take this oath, inasmuch as they had not actually paid that sum in city taxes, and one or more of them protested against the right of any one demanding that they should take this oath. It was explained that the oath was not obligatory.

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Thereupon the committee on credentials made its report and recommended that only the five members who had taken the oath be seated as duly qualified members. This action apparently left the four men out in the cold for the time being at least. The committee on credentials evidently thought that no other course was open, but to act in accordance with the charter provision.

The old members thereupon left their seats and turned the office over to the five members whom they believed to be duly elected, and able to qualify. Commissioners Elmore and Bowlby also formally filed their resignations, apparently as an assurance that by this means their successors could not be embarrassed in the future.

The new commission, including all the members, is made up as follows: Messrs. Fisher, Brix, Welch, Holmes, Ferguson, Bergman, and Kankkonen, Gimre, Jensen and Brix, the last four being the ones whose ability to qualify may be under the shadow of some doubt. It should be remembered that under the city attorney's opinion Mr. Brix is able to qualify, when both his city and school taxes are included, but the committee on credentials apparently did not deem the school taxes as within the charter provision.

For perhaps two hours the question of the eligibility was discussed pro and con. Mr. Jensen insisted that he and his three conferees be seated. The others wanted the matter straightened out legally first, though constantly expressing their assurance that the personal equation did not enter into the matter at all.

Finally it was decided to secure a legal opinion, and if possible secure a "decision" from Judge McBride.

CHURCHES SUNDAY

Christian Science.

Services in rooms 5 and 6, I. O. O. F. Building, corner Tenth and Commercial streets at 11 a. m., subject of the lesson sermon, "Sacrament." All are invited. Sunday school immediately after the close of the service. The first Wednesday evening in the month at 7:30 o'clock. Reading rooms same address hours from 2 to 5 daily except Sunday.

First Methodist.

Sermon theme at 11 a. m., "The Master Passion." At 7:30 p. m., "The Trees of Life and Death." This will be the second sermon in the series on "Great Questions," and will involve a discussion of the origin of evil and why we do not have a sinless world. Good music at both services. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

First Presbyterian.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock; communion service, "The Passover and Then—"; Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30, "Money Valuation." Miss Reba Hobson, choir director. Male chorus at night. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Baptist.

Sermon 11 a. m., "Crown Solomon," at 7:30 p. m., "Fellowship in Wrongdoing." Sunday school, 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

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Holy Innocents' Chapel.
Service at 3:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 11:15 a. m.

Fresh Meat.
Spare ribs, pork tenderloin, and other meats fresh daily at Braden's new meat market. See ad, page 4.

The Housewife's Chance.
Beginning at 11 o'clock this morning, and proceeding again at 2 p. m. there will be a genuine auction sale of all manner of household articles and utilities, at the store of Olsen & Ecklund, 160 Fifteenth street, in the Welch block. It will include all manner of furniture, crockery, and every sort and degree of household articles and conveniences. The sale will be without reservation and every convenience will be offered patrons for the securing of specific and desired articles. Every housewife in the city will do well to be present and take advantage of the sale.

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